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Donald Mitchener PROBUS President
Saint John PROBUS Club

Announcement that was sent out a few days ago:

Gentlemen. Here is the latest information of the *Christmas Dinner*, turkey dinner, to be held at the Villa Madonna retreat House in Rothesay, Renforth.

The date is December 14th, 2022, at 10:00 am. Events will consist of a normal meeting, coffee break followed by the Saint John String Quartet.

Dinner will follow at 11:45 am in the dining room hall which is to the left as you leave the meeting room.

Last year there was some confusion on the pricing but this year all charges are included in the price of the ticket at \$35.00 each.

Tickets are available at the NOVEMBER meeting from *Tom Craig* and maybe *Ed Creaser*. Cheque or cash is excepted. Cheques Payable to PROBUS Saint John.

You may attend the meeting and do not wish to stay for the meal and that is ok.

Our next meeting is November 16th at the "Hotel" eighth floor at 11:00 am. 50/50 tickets are also available.

TOM CRAIG

Minutes from the OCTOBER Meeting October 19th, 2022

Carl White, Secretary.

PROBUS Club of Saint John – October 19,2022 (Top of the Town)

Call to Order: The President, **Don Mitchener**, called the meeting to order at 11:16 There were twenty-nine members in attendance. The President indicated that the 30th Anniversary event was a huge success and well attended. It was further indicated that volunteers were being sought for the Dial-A-Ride Program, which provided service to seniors needing transportation to things such as medical appointments.

Member Updates: It was indicated that members **Gerry O'Brien** and **Bev Harrison** were going through health issues.

Bernard Cormier and **Eric Johnson** were introduced as guest and potential future members.

Tom Craig reported that the November meeting would be held once again at the "***Top of the Town***" site due to ongoing Hotel renovations with an 11:15 am start. Members will be advised of the status of the January meeting as information becomes available. The December meeting will be held at the Villa Madonna with a cost of **\$35** per Member.

Carl White, Secretary advised that the minutes of the June meeting had been published in the latest addition of the Phoghorn and would answer any questions about them. None were forthcoming.

Ed Creaser, Treasurer, reported that the cost of the 30th Anniversary event was \$1,182.65 and that the account was at a zero balance, but with the \$35 dues being paid by members today things will get back on track and he will have an updated accounting at the November meeting.

11:30 - Coffee break

Don Mitchener was acknowledged for his Birthday.(don't know the age)

Paul Meier presented jokes and talked about the issues concerning a number of Members who have not been in attendance for extended periods of times for assorted reasons and the need to reach out to them to inquire as to their intent to continue as Members. He also presented some names of possible new prospects and had Members volunteer to reach

out to them. It was further suggested that local service Clubs be contacted to see if we can acquire their membership lists to use to seek out prospects for our Club. It was also suggested that our Membership list needs to be updated.

Paul Meier introduced the Guest Speakers, **Chris Ryan, Crown Prosecutor** and **Rheal Levesque, Police Officer**

They talked about Driving While Impaired Laws (DWI) the process used by Police Officer to detect when someone may be under the influence to a degree. It was indicated that since 2018 the law was amended to put the Mandatory Screening Process (M.A.S.) They demonstrated how a Breathalyzer test is administered and advised that the range for punishment for those deemed who test beyond the acceptable levels varies from loss of driving privileges, monetary fine, their vehicle impounded and jail time.

Frank McCarey thanked them for their Presentation and were presented with a gift.

Minutes Presented by **Carl White, Secretary**

Next Meeting Scheduled for November 16, 2022, “Top of The Town Restaurant”

PROBUS Saint John
Executive Meeting
October 27, 2022

The meeting convened at approximately 2:00 PM at Paul Meier’s home.

First order of business was financial. Ed Creaser advised we are “back in the black” and funds he had loaned the club have been repaid. The annual member assessment from PROBUS Canada was acknowledged. It was agreed Ed would wait until the November meeting to determine the number for this year’s membership. Once this was done, Ed would pay the charge for paid up membership plus a few yet unconfirmed members. No adjustment or further payment would be made.

Tom Craig confirmed the “50/50” would be back on the agenda for the November meeting. Comments about the lunch at the October meeting have been conveyed to the hotel staff and accommodating changes (more sandwiches) would be made.

There was general agreement the October meeting more than met expectations. There seemed to be considerably more member interaction. The table numbering initiative was discussed. The consensus was to continue it (subject to membership agreement thereon likely at the January meeting) but modifying it slightly to accommodate guests being seated with their inviter

Don agreed to reconfirm the attendance of the **NB Symphony String Quartet** for the **Christmas/December** meeting. (That has been done. We have been advised Sonja and David Adams will be playing despite their decreased rolls in the Symphony.)

Smaller items were delt with the conscious, communications are important for all members that leads to an enjoyable meeting to all members.

Atlantic Provinces and Maine PROBUS Districts

Mary Campbell, Director

Hello everyone (and I hope I am reaching all Atlantic/Maine Clubs),

We finally have found a club to host our first face-to-face regional meeting in several years.

The **Women's PROBUS Club of SE New Brunswick** has very kindly stepped up and offered to organize said meeting later this month. I for one am very grateful to them for doing so.

Initial plans are underway, and I wanted to notify all of you right away so you can start to make your plans to attend.

- The date - Saturday, November 26th, 2022. (It is the only date open at the available venue)
- Where - The Moncton Lions Community Centre on St. George St. (details to follow)
- Time frame - approximately 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (agenda to be determined)
- Early morning coffee, etc. upon arrival, plus a delicious homemade lunch.
- This will be at a cost of \$100.00 per club to help offset costs, payable when sending registration details. E-transfer is available, and I will send the details of that to you within the next 3 days.
- Clubs may bring three (3) members - suggested are the president, vice-president, and one other, preferably someone who is computer savvy. We will need names, addresses (email), and any food concerns.
- We will be discussing topics that are of the most interest and concern to you, so if there is anything you are interested in or need advice about for your club, please let me know ASAP. This meeting is to share and help one another.
- We are working to reserve a block of hotel rooms nearby.

I know this is a tight turnaround, but this is the best choice available, and I know this group will give you a great day. If you have any concerns or if I have left anything out, please let me know soon. There are likely a lot more details to share with you and I assure you I will do so when available.

I look forward to meeting all of you soon.

Thank you and take care, (November 03, 2022)

Mary Campbell, Director

Atlantic Provinces and Maine PROBUS Districts

Pictures from our OCTOBER MEETING



A new seating arrangement was tried this meeting to encourage mingling with other members that you may not had the opportunity previously. It seems to have worked well.



President Don Mitchener speaks to the membership at the opening of the meeting
Note the heavy rain on the windows in the background. We still had thirty-two or so members brave these conditions to attend the first meeting in our new temporary location with a view of half of Saint John when its not raining.



Vice President, Paul Meier speaks on the update program that he and Robert Purdy are working on.



Our special speakers this month were Crown Prosecutor Chris Ryan and Rheal Levesque on the workings of the “breathalyzer” *They wanted Paul!*



This is a view of the temporary meeting/luncheon area. The hotel is undergoing major renovations. In the foreground is Carl White, blue sweater, Frank McCarey on the left, new member Eric Johnson, David Flewelling, Wes Cosman and Ed Creaser.



Presidents' plaque with inscriptions of past serving President's time noted. The latest was for Don LeBlanc at 2020-2021-2022.

A view of the harbour bridge from the eighth floor of the hotel. Found out later, a car accident was the reason for the tie up.



Very raining windy day but that did not stop a cruise ship from paying a visit. The cruise ship named "NORWEGIN BREAKAWAY" and carried 3,100 passengers.

HUMOROUS SIDE

- *The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.*
- *Be decisive. Right or wrong, **make a decision**. The road is littered with flat squirrels who couldn't **make a decision**.*
- *Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.*
- *When the pool re-opens, due to social distancing rules, there will be no water in lanes 1, 3, and 5.*
- *Tip: Save business cards of people you hate. If you hit a parked car accidentally, write, "Sorry" on the back and leave it on the windshield.*
- *Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."*
- *Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?*



A husband told his wife that he's going to "The Second Wife" for dinner. He didn't get the chance to explain that it was a restaurant. He is now in hospital recovering.

A loan at a bank can take 30 years to pay off. If you rob a bank, you're out in 10 years. Follow me for more financial advice. 



Agreed



Looks good to me, should work



The power of E Bay.

A man calls Pizza hut to order a pizza...

CALLER: Is this Pizza Hut?

GOOGLE: No sir, it's Google Pizza.

CALLER: I must have dialed a wrong number, sorry.

GOOGLE: No sir, Google bought Pizza Hut last month.

CALLER: OK. I would like to order a pizza.

GOOGLE: Do you want your usual, sir?

CALLER: My usual? You know me?

GOOGLE: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meatballs on a thick crust.

CALLER: Super! That's what I'll have.

GOOGLE: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?

CALLER: What? I don't want a vegetarian pizza!

GOOGLE: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.

CALLER: How do you know that?

GOOGLE: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.

CALLER: Okay, but I do not want your rotten vegetarian pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.

GOOGLE: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you purchased only a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once at Lloyds Pharmacy, 4 months ago.

CALLER: I bought more from another Pharmacy.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your credit card statement.

CALLER: I paid in cash.

GOOGLE: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.

CALLER: I have other sources of cash.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your latest tax returns unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law!

CALLER: WHAT THE !!!

GOOGLE: I'm sorry sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.

CALLER: Enough already! I'm sick to death of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others. I'm going to an island without the internet, TV, where there is no phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me.

GOOGLE: I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago...

Back to the future.....



I think this actually happened.

April 1985, [Concorde](#) flies supersonic. This is the only picture ever taken of Concorde flying at Mach2, 1,350 mph. It was taken from a Royal Air Force Tornado, which rendezvoused with Concorde briefly to the south of Ireland. Although the Tornado could match (and even exceed) Concorde's cruising speed it could only do so for a matter of minutes due to the enormous rate of fuel consumption. After racing to catch Concorde and struggling to keep up, the Tornado broke off the rendezvous after just four minutes, while Concorde cruised serenely on to JFK!



Interesting story on the Concorde airplane.

EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.



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